


<b>Search Notes</b>  	<b>Application/Control No.</b>  10553585	<b>Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination</b>  FOOTE ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>  GARY W COUNTS	<b>Art Unit</b>  1641

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Class	Subclass	Date	Examiner
435	6, 7.1, 7.92-7.95	12/20/07	gc
436	164, 501, 518, 811	12/20/07	gc
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Palm Inventors Search	12/20/07	gc
East, Medline, Pubmed, Biosis, embase, Scisearch, Google	12/20/07	gc
consulted provisional applications 60/474,201 & 60/501,494	12/20/07	gc
search updated	07/02/08	gc
Discussion Gailene Gabel, Primary A.U. 1641 concerning the recitation "as small as 9 picograms per milliliter of blood" as being vague and indefinite and also as being new matter. Discussed maintaining Zoghbi et al reference as 102 based on the teachings of Table 1 and Example 7 of Zoghbi. Also, discussed "wherein" clause as not providing any positive steps and thus not given patentable weight.	01/26/09	gc
above search updated	01/26/09	gc
Discussion with Melanie Yu, Primary 1641 concerning the disclosure of Zoghbi et al particularly Table 1 and example 7 as showing a comparison of pre and post exercises BNP levels and diagnosing. Agreed to maintain 102 rejection based on Zoghbi et al.	12/09/09	gc
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Discussion with Gailene Gabel, Primary 1641 concerning Zoghbi et al specifically showing absolute values within the same group of patients and obvious to do in an individual. Agreed should do a stand alone 103 with Zoghbi et al.	08/11/10	gc
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